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BLM Seeks Members for Trail Center Advisory Board

BAKER CITY, Oregon -- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking nominations to fill all seven positions on the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (Trail Center) Advisory Board. Positions on the Board include representatives of the local business community, trail advocacy groups, Federal, County or local government, and the public-at-large. All materials should be sent to the point of contact listed below no later than **May 17, 2007**.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others for a three-year term by submitting a nomination form with a letter of reference from the interest group the person would represent, and any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications. Nomination forms can be obtained from the point of contact listed below, or at the Trail Center.

The Trail Center Board provides advice regarding management, use, and further development of the Interpretive Center located near Baker City. The Board works in partnership with the BLM and Oregon Trail Preservation Trust to ensure a financially secure, world-class historical and education facility. The Trail Center operates through a partnership between the Federal Government and the community. Their efforts are directed at enriching and maximizing visitor experiences while in the region, and coordinating recommendations from the public.

The BLM will evaluate nominees in coordination with the governor of the State of Oregon. Applicants will be recommended based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. The BLM will forward all nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who officially appoints Board members.

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The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

